

3 type and size, comprising the steps of:

4 receiving from said browser a head request for the  
5 header of a data file;

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6 responsive to said head request, serving to said  
7 browser data file header information including data  
8 file data type and size;

9 responsive to said browser determining that said data  
10 file data type and size are in accordance with said  
11 request for data, receiving from said browser a get  
12 request; and thereafter

13 responsive to said get request, serving to said browser  
14 data corresponding to said header.

1 2. [Amended] A method for operating a client browser for  
2 requesting a data file from a server, comprising the steps  
3 of:

4 receiving data parameters including data type and size  
5 from a browser user;

6 communicating to said server a head request;  
7 receiving from said server in response to said head  
8 request a data file header describing data file  
9 parameters including data type and size;  
10 determining if said data file parameters are within  
11 said user data parameters; and if so,  
12 communicating to said server a get request requesting  
13 said server to serve said data file.

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11. [Amended] A server system, comprising:  
a first logic element for receiving from a client  
browser a head request for a header of a data document;  
a second logic element responsive to said head request  
for serving to said client browser a data document  
header including data type indicia and data size  
indicia;  
a third logic element for receiving from said browser a

9 get request responsive to said browser determining that  
10 said data type indicia and data size indicia match a  
11 user request; and

12 a fourth logic element responsive to said get request  
13 for serving to said browser a data document  
14 corresponding to said header.

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1 12. [Amended] A server system, comprising:

2 first means for receiving from a client browser a head  
3 request for a header of a data document;

4 second means responsive to said head request for  
5 serving to said client browser a data document header  
6 including data type indicia and data size indicia;

7 third means for receiving from said browser a get  
8 request responsive to said browser determining that  
9 said data type indicia and data size indicia match a  
10 user request; and

11 fourth means responsive to said get request for serving

12 to said browser a data document corresponding to said  
13 header.

1 13. [Amended] A client browser for requesting a data file  
2 from a server, comprising:

3 means for receiving user specified data parameters  
4 including data type and size from a browser user;

5 means for communicating to said server a head request;

6 means for receiving from said server in response to  
7 said head request a data file header describing data  
8 file parameters including data type and size;

9 means for determining if said data file parameters are  
10 within said user specified data parameters; and if so,

11 means operable for communicating to said server a get  
12 request requesting said server to serve said data file.

1 14. [Amended] A program storage device readable by a

2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for  
4 operating a client browser for requesting a data file from a  
5 server, said method steps comprising:

6 receiving user data parameters including data size and  
7 type from a browser user;

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8 communicating to said server a head request;

9 receiving from said server in response to said head  
10 request a data file header describing data file  
11 parameters including data size and type;

12 determining if said data file parameters are within  
13 said user data parameters; and only if so,

14 communicating to said server a get request requesting  
15 said server to serve said data file.

1 15. [Amended] An article of manufacture comprising:

2 a computer useable medium having computer readable

3 program code means embodied therein for operating a  
4 client browser for requesting a data file from a  
5 server, the computer readable program means in said  
6 article of manufacture comprising:

7 computer readable program code means for causing a  
8 computer to effect receiving user specified data  
9 parameters from a browser user;

10 computer readable program code means for causing a  
11 computer to effect communicating to said server a head  
12 request;

13 computer readable program code means for causing a  
14 computer to effect receiving from said server in  
15 response to said head request a data file header  
16 describing data file parameters;

17 computer readable program code means for causing a  
18 computer to effect determining if said data file  
19 parameters are within said user specified data  
20 parameters; and only if so,

21 computer readable program code means for causing a

22 computer to effect communicating to said server a get  
23 request requesting said server to serve said data file.

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1 16. [Amended] A computer program element for operating a  
2 client browser for requesting a data file from a server  
3 according to the steps of:

4 receiving data parameters including data type and size  
5 from a browser user;

6 communicating to said server a head request;

7 receiving from said server in response to said head  
8 request a data file header describing data file  
9 parameters including data type and size;

10 determining if said data file parameters are within  
11 said user data parameters; and if so,

12 communicating to said server a get request requesting  
13 said server to serve said data file.

1 17. [Amended] A program storage device readable by a  
2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for  
4 operating a server responsive to a request for data from a  
5 client browser, said method steps comprising:

b2 6 receiving from said browser a head request for the  
7 header of a data file;

8 responsive to said head request, serving to said  
9 browser data file header information including data  
10 type and data size;

11 receiving from said browser a get request responsive to  
12 said browser determining that said data file is of a  
13 data type and data size specified by a user; and  
14 thereafter

15 responsive to said get request, serving to said browser  
16 data corresponding to said header.

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